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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Agriculture Mission in every State;

(b) if so, whether such State level Missions would be set up during 2007-08;

(c) if so, the main objectives of such Mission; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government has contemplated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission` (NFSM) to be launched in 2007-08 to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10 million tonnes, 8 million tonnes and 2 million tonnes respectively by the end of XI Plan.

(c)&(d): The Mission aims at enhancing production of rice, wheat and pulses through a set of measures such as area expansion, productivity enhancement, soil fertility improvement, employment generation and enhancing farm level economy.